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Notes and News!

Spring 2013



Important Dates

May 1 wk: Registration for '13-'14 school year starts –enroll early and earn real dollars! Look for the green “Early Enrollment Earnings” box in our brochures, on our website.

May 1: Piano Interview sign up: Enrolled families

May 12 wk: Spring Semester ends

May 19 wk: Make up week for any teacher cancellations

June 1-29: Summer Music Makers program

****Summer Registration****

Sign up by May 1st and have the registration fee waived! Valid exclusively for currently enrolled Musicians in the Making students only!

MUSIKGARTEN CLASS REPORT



Music Makers...

...At Home in the World **Ms. Latorre**

Focused Listening activities are an important part of our class. As our lives are constantly inundated by sounds (in the home, in traffic, while shopping in the mall) we often begin to tune ourselves out. This constant bombardment of noise makes it difficult our children to establish a listening attitude. Asking the children to “tune in” and focus provides the opportunity to develop a discriminating ear. You can do this yourself at home. When you are outside with your child, listen for sounds in the environment – the wind, bird calls, the crunching of leaves under your feet as you walk, etc. This experience of listening attentively to different sounds in the environment is a first step towards recognizing contrasting elements in the more sophisticated sounds of music.

Upcoming Events. Save the date!

- **A Musical Potpourri Concert**
Saturday, April 6th
5pm at NextGen Church
- **Spring Piano Recital**
Sunday, June 2nd
4pm at NextGen Church

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From the Director



Greetings! We are looking forward to some wonderful projects this semester with our young pianists this Spring, including an exploration of world music, personal compositions, and preparation for our end of the recital on June 2nd.

Thank you for working so hard and keep up the good work!

Musically yours,
Candice Choi

PS Don't forget to sign up for our summer programs by May 1st and your registration fee will be waived!



Important Dates

- May 1:** Deadline for entering the Composition Contest
- May 1:** Piano Interview sign up for Enrolled families
- May 15:** Piano Interview sign up open to the public
- May 27:** Studio closed for Memorial Day
- May 26-June 1:** Make up Week
- May 30:** Piano recital rehearsal
- June 2:** Spring Piano Recital
- July 8-18:** Piano Camps

PIANO CLASS REPORT

Performance Class – Ms. Grant

We have been having a lot of musical fun at Performance class and it sure is showing in our student's playing! Last month, each student composed on the spot and performed a solo piece. We talked about a very famous pianist-Sergei Rachmaninoff. Records show that his hands were capable of extending the interval of a 13th (that's middle C to the A above the next C!) After hearing this, our students were inspired to collectively extend their hands across the piano to see if they could cover the entire length of keyboard!

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FEATURING your
MUSICIAN IN THE MAKING

Please tell us about any musical events that involve your family or someone in your family by May 1. We would love to publicize it in our next newsletter coming out in the summer!

CONGRATULATIONS!

A BIG congratulations to the students who participated in the **Performathon** on Feb. 23-24th benefiting the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The event raised over \$23,000 to help other sick children in need!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the **Piano Teacher's Forum Festival!** For a few of you, it was your first time. Congratulations on a very high ratings and a job well done!

Connor Leoutsacos will be performing "Elephant Ride" by Valerie Roubos in the Piano Teacher's Forum Honors Recital on Saturday, April 13th at 4pm at Jacob's Music! All are welcome to attend to cheer him on!



Faculty Spotlight

In addition to being an accomplished pianist, Mr. Gutwald is a member of the nationally renowned Westminster Symphonic Choir at Westminster Choir College. He comments, "Being a part of Bach's St. Matthew Passion has been a very different experience from singing in a choir performing Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Bach demands a very different approach to the music, and all of these things I am applying to how I play Bach's music at the piano. Studying this great choral work opened my eyes to a new side of Bach's genius, away from all of the preludes and fugues of the Well Tempered Clavier." The Westminster Symphonic Choir performed Bach's St. Matthew Passion from March 28-30th at the Kimmel Center with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra and the American Boychoir.

Student Highlights

"Recently I got to be a part of the Performathon. It was the first time that I got to play in front of so many people.

At first, I was nervous and worried that I would mess up. When it was my turn, I sat down at the piano and began to play my song. As soon as I started to play, I felt at ease and enjoyed playing.

Even though I didn't play perfectly, I knew that I wasn't only playing for myself, but I was playing for other people as well. After playing at the Performathon, I learned that I can use my talents to help others."-Kaylin Ku



Mr. Gutwald also performed an electrifying Piano Recital in late March at Westminster Choir College's Bristol Chapel. The program included music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, and Kislewski Congratulations!



